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**Washington's Love for the Potomac.**  
[From the Washington Chronicle.]  
I hope soon to retire from public life and enjoy the comforts of my home on the banks of the Potomac—Washington to a Friend.

A leading thought in the far reaching mind of America's first citizen was the utilization of the waters of the Potomac for the purpose of advancing commerce and manufactures. The name of this grand river, called after a powerful Indian chief, was always "Potowmac," as far up as its confluence with the Shenandoah river. Above that point it was known as the Cohogoroota. This latter name was lost about the year 1720, some twelve years before Washington was born, and from that date it has been known as the Potomac its entire length. The starting point of this river, which leaves the shore of the capital of the nation, is humble, indeed, being a little spring percolating through the earth at the foot of the Alleghany mountains. At first it moves on slowly, making not the least noise in the world, but gaining strength as it goes from the liberal contributions of one hundred and seventy tributaries, and giving us the splendid view we have of this majestic river from the dome of the Capitol.

Washington was appointed, as one highly skilled in his profession, a surveyor by William and Mary College, and by Lord Thomas Fairfax, the Baron of Cameron, his private surveyor, when he was but sixteen years of age. His lordship was anxious to have the rich valley lands lying between the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers, a part of his immense grant from the British Crown, laid off by regular survey, as all previous leases and transfers had been made by stepping, measuring from the eye, and blazing the line-trees with a tomahawk as they proceeded. These were known as "Tomahawk titles," and of course were very unreliable in respect to calls and quantities, and were, to save the "new comers" from lawsuits, confirmed by acts of Assembly. To carry out his lordship's wishes, Mr. Burden, his business agent, directed Master Washington, his assistant, the Hon. George Fairfax, the lord's nephew, with a party of chain, ax, and stake men, to proceed to the valley and survey one hundred tracts of 500 acres each, for immediate sale and entry, as the fame of the valley lands was spreading far and wide, particularly throughout Germany.

This order of survey was in March, 1748, and about the time of the greatest flood ever known in the Potomac. (For an account, see London Magazine.)

Master Washington and party were further directed to stop on their way at "Shenandoah Falls," (now Harper's Ferry,) "and survey for one Robert Harper lands purchased by, and to be patented to him."

When the lads, Washington and Fairfax, both named George, aged respectively sixteen and nineteen years, presented themselves to Mr. Harper, and told him their business, he was amazed to see two beardless boys sent to perform such important duties, and had his doubts about Washington's ability to run the lines accurately. However, the survey was made, and the party passed on up the valley. The writer begs leave here to state that, he was summoned on the part of the United States to attend a survey of the Government lands at Harper's Ferry, in September, 1854. One of the best surveyors in the State, a Mr. Trotter, of Augusta county, was employed. After he had closed up at "the point of beginning," he turned to the witnesses and exclaimed "Gentlemen, there never was a better survey than this one made by a boy 106 years ago. Except by a little disturbance caused by the buried iron filings, it is perfect."

Of all the compliments ever paid Washington, I think Mr. Trotter's was the greatest. Washington, years after this, although still a young man, took up the idea of making navigable the Potomac and Shenandoah. Having examined those rivers, frequently surveying their meanderings, he pronounced the water power at two points unsurpassed in any country. The first at the Great Falls, the second at what is now Harper's Ferry.

After Washington's retirement from public life he found the Potomac and Shenandoah Navigation Company in a very crippled condition. It was without money or credit; but his never-tiring zeal in every duty gave it, in the course of a year, a new start. Its credit was improving, and it was yielding some revenue, when its last hope was cut short by the death of Washington, December 14, 1799.

This work never was completed; still it must be confessed that, by the blasting of many dangerous rocks and building locks at the Great Falls and at Harper's Ferry, great improvements on the former navigation of these rugged rivers were effected.

Remaining in this half-finished state for so many years, another Virginian, General Charles F. Mercer, who was well acquainted with Washington and his views, brought this subject before Congress in another form. The result was a charter to build the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Of this we need not speak, but prefer referring the reader to its president's annual reports. This, however, we are bold to say, that if the wise men of the world ever complete this great work to the Ohio river, it will surpass in usefulness, profits, and emoluments, any similar enterprise on the face of the globe.

Washington, always sparing of his words, would talk for hours on the subject of the immense water power at the Great Falls. His prophetic remark that "in the course of time it would be a great manufacturing point" may be realized, as popular newspapers are bringing that valuable property to the notice of business men and capitalists.

Our country is yet in its infancy. There are at this time 400,000 acres of land to be peopled, and the boy is born who will see before he has a gray hair on his head this city of Washington numbering a population of 500,000 inhabitants. He will also see a large manufacturing town at the Great Falls, with a railroad to it, and dwelling-houses for the business men of the capital of the nation in every direction.

Reader, do not laugh at this until the 1st January 1900.

**CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK.**  
Alexandria, Va., July 3, 1873.  
The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT. ON THE HALF PER CENT. payable on and after July 5th, 1873.  
WM. H. LAMBERT,  
Cashier.

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**BOOTS AND SHOES,**

ever offered in this market.

The special attention of the trade is invited to my stock of  
**LADIES', MISSES', CHILDREN'S, GENTS', BOYS' AND YOUTH'S WEAR,**

comprising all varieties and styles, from the heavy Brogan to the most delicate Slipper, made to order, and of the best material. COUNTRY MERCHANTS will find it to their advantage to examine my stock, from which equally good selections can be made, at prices that will compare favorably with those of the Northern cities.

In the RETAIL DEPARTMENT I have all the latest styles of LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S and CHILDREN'S BOOTS, SHOES, GAITERS and SLIPPERS furnished in the most elegant manner, and warranted durable. Satisfaction in all cases guaranteed. mh 15

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**W. WASHINGTON & BROTHER,**

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Consignments of Grain, Merchandise and all kinds of Country Produce solicited. Special attention given to all business entrusted to them. Prompt returns made. ap 24

**W. M. W. HERBERT,**

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Particular attention paid to the selling of all kinds of Country Produce, and filling orders for Groceries, Guano, Seeds, Plaster, Fish, Salt, Lime, &c., at lowest market rates. feb 7-1f

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**GROCER AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,**

NEW STORE,

No. 19 North Royal st., and cor. Market alley,

Alexandria, Va.

The proximity of this store to the Market House, "the centre of trade," will enable me to obtain good prices for Flour, Grain and Country Produce consigned to my care. Consignments and orders for Groceries respectfully solicited. They will receive careful and prompt attention. oct 26-1f

**W. A. SMOOT,**

DEALER IN

**SALT, COAL AND PLASTER**

**SMOOT'S WHARF,**

(Foot of Princess st.,)

Alexandria, Virginia.

feb 21-1f

**R. M. LAWSON,**

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Nos. 67 and 69 Cameron street,

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Orders and consignments solicited. feb 13

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Dealers in all kinds of

**FERTILIZERS, SALT AND PLASTER**

Agents of the

**NEW YORK & BALTIMORE STEAMERS.**

Also of the

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feb 5-1f

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No. 22 North Royal street,

On hand and for sale a well selected stock of

**COUNTRY PRODUCE.**

Consignments of GRAIN, COUNTRY PRODUCE, &c., respectfully solicited. Strict attention paid to sales, and prompt returns guaranteed. jy 19-1f

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**SHINN & CO.**

(Successors to Samuel Hartley,)

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No. 13 Union street,

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Particular attention paid to the selling of FLOUR, GRAIN and all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE, and filling all orders for GROCERIES, GUANO, PLASTER, SEEDS, &c., at the lowest market rates.

Agents for the sale of James S. Welch's celebrated brands of FLOUR.

Agents for the sale of the "ROUND TOP HYDRAULIC CEMENT."

jan 6-1f

**J. BROOKES & CO.**

No. 11 King street,

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**GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS**

Wholesale Dealers in

**GROCERIES,**

**LIQUORS,**

**PROVISIONS,**

**SALT FISH,**

**AND PRODUCE.**

Also keep on hand a general assortment of Cordage, Tar, Pitch, Nails, Lime, Packing, Oils, Lamps and Ship and Naval Stores.

All orders and consignments promptly attended to, and goods forwarded without delay to consignees on arrival.

Agents for Dupont's Gunpowder.

XXX Ale and Porter always on hand.

Agents for the Baltimore and Potomac Transportation line.

mh 10-1f

## GROCERIES.

**SELLING OUT AT COST!**

Housekeepers, look to your interest, and purchase a supply of

**CHOICE GROCERIES**

AT MARVELOUSLY LOW PRICES.

**Fine Teas, Coffees and Groceries**

OF ALL KINDS, AT COST PRICES.

Also a large stock of CHOICE TOBACCO. Smokers will find it decidedly to their interest to call and examine. I am sure to please every one in the great variety of SMOKING and CHEWING TOBACCO.

**FRENCH CANDIES** at the nominal price of 28, 35 and 50c per lb.

**BASE BALLS and BATS** at and below cost.

**HOOFF'S FANCY GROCERY,**

NO. 93 KING STREET.

je 19-1f

**GEORGE MCBURNEY & SON,**

Dealers in

**CHOICE FAMILY AND FANCY GROCERIES, WINES AND LIQUORS,**

**ENGLISH and SCOTCH ALE and BROWN SOUT.**

Also, **EASTERN and POTOMAC HERRING** and **MACKEREL.**

**NOS. 166 and 170 KING STREET,**

(Washington Hall Building.)

Alexandria, Va.

Orders promptly filled. mh 31-1f

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**TEAS, SEASON 1872.**

(No old stock.)

Japans, pound, half do. and quart. do. packages.

very fine, ..... \$1.00

fine lb chests, superior quality ..... 4.50

fine, ..... 0.50

Oolong, extra fine quality, ..... 0.50

superior, ..... 0.50

Imperial, extra fine, ..... 1.40

superior, ..... 0.90

fair, ..... 0.65

Young Hyson, extra fine, ..... 1.30

English Breakfast, ..... 1.00

superior, ..... 1.00

Gunpowder, extra fine, ..... 1.00

superior, ..... 1.35

good, ..... 1.00

We are confident that the quality of our Teas cannot be surpassed, and are willing to have them compared with any in the market.

We have everything in the FINE GROCERY LINE.

**SHELF GOODS** of all kinds, fresh stock.

**FRENCH CANDY**, guaranteed to be pure.

The best brands of Domestic and Imported CIGARS and TOBACCO.

We particularly request our customers to return any article purchased from us that does not give satisfaction.

Any club order purchased from the Tea Company in New York will be duplicated in price, and supplied in quality.

**CHINESE TEA COMPANY,**

No. 11 North Royal street,

Alexandria, Virginia.

je 12-1f

**NEW STORE.**

**F. G. SWAINE**

Would inform his friends and the public generally that he has leased the store on the corner of Cameron and Royal streets, (J. C. Milburn's old stand) and will keep, in connection with the Grocery, Liquor and Commission store, No. 22 Royal street, a first-class

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where can be found at all times fresh Roll Butter, Poultry, Eggs, Honey, Beans, Dried Fruits, Potatoes, Canned Peaches, Pineapple, Tomatoes and Corn, &c., &c. Call and examine. feb 7

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—AND—

**TEA DEALER,**

**S. E. COR. KING AND ST. ASAPH STS.,**

Alexandria, Va.

nov 22-1f

**W. F. BROOKES & BROTHER,**

Dealers in

**FINE AND FANCY GROCERIES,**

147 King street, Alexandria, Virginia.

Particular attention given to the selection of Fine Teas and Coffees. my 2-1f

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**CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES, WINES, AND LIQUORS.**

No. 226, King street, corner of Alfred, Alexandria, Va.

jan 14-1f

**PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.**

For Coughs and Colds for both old and young and for Consumptions in their incipient and advanced stages of the disease, we have never known a remedy to become so rapidly and favorably known as the above valuable medicine. Our sales of it are constantly largely increasing, and we earnestly recommend a trial of it by all afflicted with any Lung Complaints. We have always on hand a large stock, and are prepared to supply both Druggists and Country Merchants at Proprietor's lowest rates. Printed advertising matter, with customer's card inserted, furnished gratis to the trade upon application to the undersigned.

**JANNEY & CO.,**

No. 145 King st., Alexandria, Va.

je 20

**GRAPES!**

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Wish to sell the CROP OF GRAPES of this season from 3000 full-bearing healthy vines. Varieties: Concord, Ives Seedling, Hartford Prolific, Clinton, Creveling and Catawba. The purchaser can buy them on the vines, or I would pick them and deliver them at a station near the Grapery to go up or down the railroad. For particulars apply to JOHN J. H. STRAITH, Charlestown, Jefferson co., W. Va. je 24-1m

**CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES.**

**TWENTY DOLLAR CARRIAGES,**

(Just received by N. Y. steamer.)

They are beyond a doubt the most stylish, the best and cheapest that can be found in this country.

A few damaged Carriages can be bought at very low figures by immediate application to

**GREEN'S NOTION HOUSE,**

my 13

**OBER'S AMMONIATED**

**SUPER-PHOSPHATE**

OF LIME.

Unsurpassed as a fertilizer for Spring crops.

For sale by

**HOOE & JOHNSTON.**

ap 19

**FEED STORE.**

**KNOX & ERVIN,**

39 and 41 King street.

A full stock of all articles in the

**FEED LINE.**

nov 16-1f

**CANNED FRUITS.**

Peaches, Tomatoes, Green Corn; also MIXED PICKLES by the gallon. For sale by

**DAVY & HARMON.**

my 23

## DRY GOODS.

**JUST RECEIVED.**

White Linen Lawns, 4-4, for Waists, Over-skirts, &c.

Also Victoria Lawns.

Japanese Silks, very cheap.

Linen Japs, in beautiful styles and colors.

Bleached Cottons and Prints.

Linen for Gents' and Boys' wear.

Black Grenadine.

A full assortment of Gents' Linen Handkerchiefs.

Please call and examine.

je 17

**D. F. WITMER CO.**

**OPENED TO-DAY.**